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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner

USE OF GLYCURONIC POLYSACCHARIDES AND OLIGOSACCHARIDES AS PHYTOSANITARY PRODUCTS AND/OR FERTILISER

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-5, 9 and 11 as follows:

--3.(Amended) Use according to claim 1 of 1,4  $\underline{D}$ -glucuronan polymers of formula (I) in which n is an integer between approximately 300 and approximately 2500, and R represents H.

4. (Amended) Use according to claim 1 of 1,4 b- $\underline{D}$ -glucuronan polymers of formula (I) in which n is an integer between approximately 300 and approximately 2500, and R represents H or COCH<sub>3</sub>, the weight percentage of COCH<sub>3</sub> preferably being between 0 and 30.5.